

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2851

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

SEGERS et al.

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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir

In reply to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter amended claims 12 and 21 as follows:

 (Three Times Amended) A substrate preparing device comprising an intermediate table on which a substrate can be positioned before transfer to a substrate table in a lithographic projection apparatus;